Entered - 10/21/99 - sb CL99L0663 - DIANNE C. MITCHELL

CLAIM OF: JANICE WELDON,

through her attorney, Stanford J. Klinger

**Suite 1200** 

100 Colony Square Atlanta, Georgia 30361

For damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of the wrongful death of Ronald Courtney Weldon on April 11, 1999 at 4255 Will Lee Road, College Park, Georgia.

THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS APPROVED

BY: CODERE

**DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY** 

## **DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**

Claim No. <u>99L0663</u>	Date: <u>December 27, 2000</u>
Claimant /Victim JANICE WELDON	
BY: (Atty) Stanford N. Klinger	
Address: Suite 1200, 100 Colony	/ Square Atlanta Georgia 30361
Subrogation: Claim for Property dam	age C Rodily Injury C not stated
Date of Notice: 10/12/99 Meth	age \$ Bodily Injury \$ <u>not stated</u> od: Written, proper X Improper
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. 836-33-5	X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X
Date of Occurrence 04/11/99	X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X Place: 4255 Will Lee Road, College Park
Department:	Division:
Employee involved	Division: Disciplinary Action:
Welcome All Park and Natatorium which is pa claimant further alleges that the City is liable of	er relative was killed while diving in a swimming pool located in the left of the Fulton County Department of Parks and Recreation. The lue to its involvement in the planning, design, construction and/or tion with the 1996 Olympics. However, the City is immune from
INVESTIGATION:	
Traffic citations issued: City Driver Reports	ottOthersWrittenOrals: PoliceDept ReportOtherClaimant DriverClaimant Driver
BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:	
City not involved Off	Ministerial  this OtherX Damages reasonable  The rejected Compromise settlement  Repair/replacement by City Forces  thi Joint Claim Abandoned
	Respectfully submitted,
	Dem Chiller
	INVESTIGATOR - DIANNE C. MITCHELL
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FORM 23-61	

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October 8, 1999

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
NUMBER Z 493 954 469

To the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Bill Campbell and the City Council Members c/o Clerk for Atlanta City Council 55 Trinity Avenue, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Re: Notice of Claim Against the City of Atlanta

Claimant/Our Client : Janice Weldon

Incident : The Wrongful Death of Ronald Courtney Weldon

Date of Injury : April 11, 1999

Location of Incident : Murphy Avenue, SW and Dill Avenue, SW

## Dear Mayor and Council Members:

This letter shall serve as Janice Weldon's written notice to the City of Atlanta that she is asserting a claim against the City of Atlanta.

With respect to claims against cities, O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 sets out the ante litem requirements for actions against municipal corporations. Failure to comply with the requirements bars any right of action against a municipality (See City of Atlanta v. Barrett, 102 Ga. App 469, 116 S.E. 2d 654 (1960)). The statute requires that within 6 months of the happening of the event upon which the claim is predicated, the claim be presented to the governing authority of the municipality, in writing, for "adjustment". The "time, place, and extent of the injury as near as practicable and the negligence which caused the injury" must be included and are set forth below.

- (A) The time of the transaction or occurrence: The incident occurred on April 11, 1999 at approximately 3:00 p.m.
- (B) The place of the transaction or occurrence: The incident occurred at the Welcom All Park and Natatorium, 4255 Will Lee Road, College Park, Georgia 30349.

- (C) The nature of the injuries: The incident resulted in injuries to, and ultimately the wrongful death of Ronald Courtney Weldon.
- (D) The amount of the loss claimed: The claim asserted is for the pain and suffering experienced by Ronald Courtney Weldon prior to his death, the final medical expenses incurred on his behalf, and the full value of his life. The exact amount which will be sought is yet to be determined, but will be several millions of dollars.

## (E) The cause of the loss:

We believe that the architectural specifications, construction and installation of the main swimming pool located at the Fulton County Recreation Facility, known as Welcome All Park and Natatorium, as well as the diving board installed thereon, cause the pool itself to become a nuisance. The pool's dimensions, including its width, length, depth, measured slope and rise from deep to shallow end are such that it permits a diver to dive from the diving board and enter the water at a dangerously shallow level. This allowed Ronald Courtney Weldon to strike his head on the floor of the pool, sustain a cervical injury, and ultimately drown.

The pool was constructed for the Olympics, and to the extent that the City of Atlanta participated in the planning, design, construction and/or installation of the pool or the diving board, the City created or contributed to the creation of a nuisance.

Ms. Weldon specifically reserves the right to amend this notice, pursue other theories of liability, to allege other acts or omissions by the City of Atlanta or its employees and entities, or other private persons or entities as more details become available through our investigation or through the litigation of this matter should it become necessary.

Your return receipt will inform us of the date you received this notice. Please direct all future correspondence to this office and contact me if you have any questions.

Stanford N. Klin

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